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**3. What fashion icon directed "Nocturnal Animals," featuring actor Michael Shannon?**

## 3 things you need to know

### EUROPEAN LEADERS AND OBAMA TO DISCUSS RUSSIA SANCTIONS IN BERLIN

European leaders and President Barack Obama will discuss on Friday an extension of the sanctions imposed on Russia for its intervention in Ukraine, as well as possible new sanctions for its bombing in Syria, multiple sources familiar with the plans said. The meeting in Berlin, hosted by German Chancellor Angela Merkel and including the leaders of Britain, France, Italy and Spain, comes a little over a week after Donald Trump's victory in the U.S. presidential election. Trump has indicated that he will seek a rapprochement with Russia, raising doubts in Europe about the future of the sanctions regime introduced by Washington and Brussels in 2014 following Russia's intervention in eastern Ukraine. REUTERS

### MINNESOTA COP CHARGED WITH MANSLAUGHTER IN DEATH OF BLACK MAN

2 A prosecutor in Minnesota on Wednesday said he had brought a second-degree manslaughter charge against a police officer involved in the July shooting death of a black motorist that sparked outrage after it was broadcast on social media. Ramsey County Attorney John Choi said St. Anthony police officer Jeronimo Yanez broke the law when he shot and killed Philando Castile, 32, in Falcon Heights, a St. Paul suburb, during a traffic stop. Castile had told the officer that he was lawfully carrying a firearm after he was pulled over by Yanez and another officer. Castile's girlfriend, Diamond Reynolds, live-streamed images of him after he was shot, and some went viral on social media. REUTERS

### BP TO CUT UP TO 80 JOBS AT INDIANA REFINERY

3 BP Plc plans to cut between 50 and 80 salaried positions at the company's 413,500-barrel-per-day refinery in Whiting, Indiana, a company spokesman said. Union-represented hourly and salaried employees at the refinery, which is BP's largest in the United States, will not be affected by the layoffs, said spokesman Michael Abendhoff. The cuts come as U.S. refiners have weathered a sharp downturn in refining profits due to rising global oil prices. REUTERS

**CORRECTION**

Due to a reporting error, the story "The Rock is officially the Sexiest Man Alive" in Wednesday's Word column incorrectly stated that TV show "Ballers" was a Showtime series. In fact, "Ballers" is an HBO original series. Metro regrets the error.

New York City mayor Bill de Blasio speaks to the press in front of Trump Tower after his meeting with president-elect Donald Trump. GETTY IMAGES

# Combatants de Blasio and Trump meet for 'respectful' discourse in New York City

The New York City mayor brought the president-elect a list of concerns.

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Big Apple Mayor Bill de Blasio went face-to-face with President-elect Donald Trump on Wednesday at Trump Tower to discuss critical city issues and the fears many New Yorkers feel about his proposals.

The 62-minute meeting was a "respectful" and "candid" discussion on such topics as the impact of tax cuts on infrastructure improvements, the ramifications of a crackdown on undocumented immigrants and New Yorkers' distress about the future of the nation, the mayor said.

"It was a respectful conversation, obviously with the acknowledgment we have very different views," de Blasio said at a brief news conference following the meeting. "I told him what I believed, what I heard from my fellow New Yorkers."

A year ago, Trump fueled a feud with de Blasio with a tweet calling him "The worst Mayor in the U.S., & probably the worst Mayor in the history of #NYC."

Just last week, de Blasio called Trump "a racist con man who got rich by taking advantage of working people."

On Election Day, New York City overwhelmingly supported Democrat Hillary Clinton.

The mayor told Trump that the tax cuts he proposes would pose a problem for the investments in infrastructure that Trump's promised.

The mayor also said that a crackdown on undocumented immigrants and Muslim New Yorkers, of which there are 900 on the NYPD force, would undermine police-community relations as it would promote mistrust and avoidance.

"I gave him the perspective of the NYPD … [that] anything that would create a rift all over the country between our police and the communities they serve … would be counterproductive," he added.

Trump and de Blasio did agree on one point — that the NYPD has done an exceptional job managing the unrest on the streets of the city following the election.

In regards to traffic conditions and security around Fifth Avenue where protests continue, de Blasio said a news conference will be held Friday to discuss the strategy.

As of Tuesday, the Trump team appeared to double-down on the President-elect's campaign objectives of creating a national Muslim registry and building a wall at the Mexican border. Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach, a prospective U.S. attorney general and member of the transition team, said the wall might be started immediately without congressional approval.

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# As MTA hikes fares, Fair Fares fighters say low-income cards are urgent

The campaign energizes to make subway and bus rides half-price for poor New Yorkers.

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Fighters for the Fair Fare initiative to secure half-priced MetroCards for low-income New Yorkers strengthened their resolve Wednesday as the Metropolitan Transit Authority announced plans to increase fares by 25 cents early next year.

Advocates argue that the brunt of bus and subway fare increases fall on the city's low-income residents who might forego food, their education, looking for a job and appreciating what the city has to offer because they can't pay a fare. About 800,000 New Yorkers would be eligible for reduced fares, according to research from the Community Service Society. Each person could save around $700 a year.

"As the city gets more expensive, if we can't find ways to make it more affordable, we are going to lose the diversity of NYC," Fair Fares campaign manager Rebecca Bailin told Metro.

The campaign is not asking the MTA, which is not a government agency, to pay for the fare reduction; rather, it's appealing to Mayor Bill de Blasio to appropriate an estimated $200 million a year for the reduction in his upcoming budget.

Currently, the MTA provides half-price MetroCards to seniors over 65 and to the disabled, and partners in programs for school children.

MTA spokeswoman Beth De Falco said that "it would make more sense for the city to administer that type of program," because it's more equipped to determine income eligibility.

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The MTA intends to follow through with one of two proposals that would take effect in March of next year. Plan A would be a 25-cent increase, from $2.75 to $3, that includes a bigger, 16 percent bonus on purchases. Plan B would be to maintain the current price, but to decrease the current purchase bonus from 11 percent to 5 percent.

The proposals will be open for public discussion in a series of meetings throughout the city to take place in December.

De Falco defends the MTA's fare hike — they've been scheduled for every other year since 2009 — as necessary to guarantee safe and reliable round-the-clock service. And compared to other cities such as Washington which determines its fares by zone, NYC is a bargain, she said.

"If you want to go from the Bronx to Coney Island it will only cost you $2.75," she said, referring to the current fare.

De Falco also argues that if the MTA were to provide the discount, it wouldn't be able to limit it to just New York City residents, as service on LIRR and Metro-North extends to many other cities.

Fair Fare proponents include 28 city council members, Public Advocate Letitia James, Comptroller Scott Stringer and 30 social, economic, labor and transit organizations.

"My concern is that public transportation remains accessible to the public," Bailin said.

## BRIEFS

**Senate Dems vote unanimously to make Schumer minority leader**

Senate Democrats elected Sen. Chuck Schumer of New York to be their minority leader, succeeding 29-year veteran Harry Reid.

They voted unanimously Wednesday morning to make Schumer the chief antagonist to incoming president Donald Trump, leading critical battles against the White House and Republican-controlled Congress. Schumer is expected to take the post when Congress resumes its session and votes to approve the nomination in January.

"We are ready to go toe to toe with Republicans," Schumer told reporters, noting that Democrats "can't flinch and can't ignore" the results of the election.

He is the first New York senator to hold the position.

Republicans re-elected Mitch McConnell of Kentucky as Senate majority leader.

The Senate Democrats also voted to make Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren vice chair, as well as Vermont independent Bernie Sanders as "chair of outreach."

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# FDNY: No Trump photos in firehouses

Any New York City firefighter who wants to hang a photo of President-elect Donald Trump in their firehouse or truck is being asked to refrain from doing so by FDNY officials.

A memo was sent out this week asking firefighters to "remain out of the political scene and out of the political field," the New York Post reported. The note stemmed from complaints received about a truck from Engine 276 in Brooklyn, which had a Trump mask on its front, sources told the Post.

"Only [the] FDNY wouldn't want the democratically elected president of America hanging in a firehouse," one firefighter, who asked to be anonymous, said. "The firehouse is supposed to be a symbol of America. That's hard to believe when you can't post a picture of the president."

Some firehouses have displayed pictures of presidents George W. Bush and Barack Obama, sources said. But now, "posting of these materials is not in compliance with regs," according to the memo.

"The message was a reminder of the importance of following the protocol and regulations within a work environment," another source said. NIKKI M. MASCALI

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# Eye on far West 29th Street, a booming block

The renovations on this block will create a new residential and mixed-use neighborhood.

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It is not often that a single block stands out in a city like New York. But a huge transformation is occurring at the junction of 29th Street.

West 29th Street, in between 10th and 11th Avenues, is the transition point between three neighborhoods: West Chelsea, Hudson Yards and the far West Side. The massive changes on West 29th Street are due to the West Chelsea zoning regulations developed in 2005. Foreseeing the seismic Hudson Yards development, former Mayor Michael Bloomberg changed the zoning status to allow for more flexible residential and commercial development to ease the transition from West Chelsea to Hudson Yards and the High Line (the zoning area is bounded by Tenth and Eleventh Avenues from West 30th Street south to West 16th Street).

Previously zoned for light manufacturing and commercial use and dominated by low- to mid-scale industrial buildings and art galleries that were former clubs, the renovations on this block will provide a new residential and mixed-use neighborhood with character-filled, lower-scaled, slower-paced living within walking distance for those working in the next door, bustling, shiny high-rise filled Hudson Yards. That, coupled with the completion of the High Line which brought developers who transferred air rights throughout the neighborhood, the transition between Chelsea and Midtown neighborhoods is becoming less dramatic.

According to Massey Knakal Realty, over $27 billion of capital has been invested in the Hudson Yards neighborhood. In addition to the actual Hudson Yards development (the 28 acre, seven full city block development), the surrounding Far West neighborhood is undergoing an investment boom. This investment includes major projects like the transformation of Madison Square Garden (estimated $1 billion), the extension of the Number 7 Subway line expansion (estimated $2.4 million) and the High Line (estimated cost $240 million).

The Post Office facility between Tenth and Ninth avenue is considered a possible location for a new Madison Square Garden.

Despite all the large projects, there are also a lot of smaller projects remaking the West Chelsea neighborhood. On the 29th Street block alone, there are nine different residential projects either recently completed or under construction that will change the face and make up of the neighborhood. This block is one block from Hudson River Park, directly south of Hudson Yards, bisected by the High Line and a short walk from Chelsea Park with its ballfields and basketball courts.

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There was a lottery to offer the 75 affordable units in the buildings, which ranged from $596/month studios to $979/month two-bedrooms.

West Chelsea's rezoning requires almost 30% of all new housing in the district to be affordable.

### 505 WEST 29TH STREET, THE ABINGTON HOUSE

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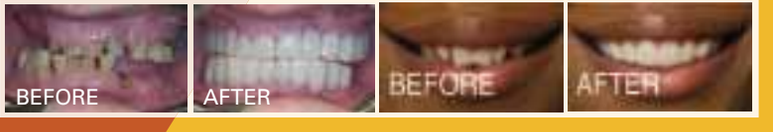


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# Transgender people rush to legally change gender in wake of Trump's win

Twitter campaign hopes to link transgender people to pro bono lawyers.

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Transgender people are rushing to legally change their name and gender with the help of volunteer lawyers because of concerns the community's civil rights could be threatened under the administration of president-elect Donald Trump.

In a race against the clock, transgender people have been connecting on Twitter using the hashtag #TransLawHelp with lawyers offering to help them make the changes free of charge before Trump takes office on Jan. 20.

Last week's victory for Trump has left many transgender advocates fearing a backlash against their community after the Republican candidate sent mixed messages on transgender rights during the campaign.

Trump's choice for vice-president, Mike Pence, has rankled many lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) rights activists who are wary of the current Indiana governor's years of opposition to gay rights.

Transgender software engineer Riley, who asked to be identified by a first name only, created the #TransLawHelp hashtag after first finding legal assistance to change name with a Twitter message posted in the wake of Trump's victory.

"I thought I might as well make it bigger," Riley said in a phone interview.

Soon, Riley wrote on Twitter: "If you're a lawyer willing to offer probono services for trans ppl to get their docs now, please use the HT #TransLawHelp."

The 30-year-old New Yorker said that in the 24 hours following the post, the hashtag #TransLawHelp was used some 10,000 times according to a hashtag-tracking software.

Riley acknowledged there was no clear indication that changing a name or gender on official ID cards would be made illegal under a Trump presidency, but added that distrust had prompted the initiative.

Reports of slurs and attacks against people from minority groups, including gays, have been making the headlines since Trump won the election.

"I'm a little terrified after the election," Riley said.

Cassandra Kirsch, a lawyer in Denver, Colorado, said she was immediately on board after hearing about the online movement.

Though she has not gotten a referral yet, Kirsch said she has begun putting together a group of about 200 attorneys who also want to provide transgender people with name or gender change assistance for free.

"Many attorneys like myself would not have known about the pressure for this need without the mobilization of individuals using the hashtag #TransLawHelp," she told the Thomson Reuters Foundation.

Her efforts will focus on helping transgender people change their gender marker on passports, a service that can usually cost a few thousand dollars in attorney fees, Kirsch said.

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## BRIEFS

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"Tony felt we should use the size and scale of Metro to help others and he used enormous dedication and force to execute the project and every year make children in need a little happier during the holiday season," said Metro's Chief Executive Officer Yggers Mortensen.

"I am proud to continue this project in honor of Tony and I hope all our readers, suppliers and members of the Metro team will help to make this yet another great Metro Magic year."

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# Reports: Sleep apnea may have played role in Hoboken train crash

The engineer of the commuter train that crashed in Hoboken in September had undiagnosed sleep apnea, officials said.

The train accelerated, derailed and hit a wall at the Hoboken station at 21 mph — more than double the speed limit — killing one woman and injuring dozens of people. The crash occurred during morning rush hour on Sept. 29.

The train killed one woman and injured dozens more. GETTY IMAGES

Two anonymous officials who were briefed on the investigation told The Associated Press that 48-year-old Thomas Gallagher, the engineer, was diagnosed with sleep apnea after the crash.

The National Transportation Safety Board has not confirmed the information, according to the report.

Gallagher told investigators that his only memory of the crash was waking up on the floor.

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- Your healthcare provider may prescribe ZEPATIER with a medicine called ribavirin. Ribavirin is also known as Rebetol,® Copegus,® Ribasphere,® and Moderiba.® **If you take both ZEPATIER and ribavirin, be sure you read the Medication Guide for ribavirin.**

### What is ZEPATIER?

ZEPATIER is a prescription medicine used with or without ribavirin to treat chronic (long-lasting) hepatitis C virus (HCV) genotypes 1 or 4 infection in adults.

It is not known if ZEPATIER is safe or effective in children under 18 years old, people awaiting a liver transplant, or people who have had a liver transplant.

### Who should not take ZEPATIER?

Do not take ZEPATIER if you have certain liver problems.

### What should I tell my healthcare provider before taking ZEPATIER?

Tell your healthcare provider if you:
- have liver problems other than hepatitis C
- have ever taken any medicine for hepatitis C
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- have had or are waiting for a liver transplant
- have any other medical conditions
- are pregnant or trying to get pregnant. ZEPATIER has not been studied in pregnant women. We do not know if ZEPATIER will harm your baby while you are pregnant.
  - **Males and females who take ZEPATIER and ribavirin should also read the ribavirin Medication Guide for important pregnancy, contraception, and infertility information**.
- are breastfeeding or plan to breastfeed. We do not know if ZEPATIER gets in your breast milk and gets passed to your baby.
  - **Talk to your healthcare provider about the best way to feed your baby during treatment with ZEPATIER.**

### Are you taking other medicines?

**Tell your healthcare provider about all of the medicines you take,** including prescription and over-the-counter medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements. ZEPATIER may affect the way other medicines work, and other medicines may affect how ZEPATIER works. Some medicines cannot be taken with ZEPATIER. Your healthcare provider can tell you if it is safe to take ZEPATIER with other medicines.
- Know the medicines you take. Keep a list of your medicines and show it to your healthcare provider and pharmacist when you get a new medicine.
- You can ask your healthcare provider or pharmacist for a list of medicines that interact with this medicine.
- **Do not start taking a new medicine without telling your healthcare provider.**

### How do I take ZEPATIER?

- **Take 1 ZEPATIER tablet at the same time every day.**
- ZEPATIER comes in a blister package of individually-packaged tablets. Keep the tablets in this package until you are ready to take your dose.
- Take ZEPATIER exactly as your healthcare provider tells you to take it.
- Take ZEPATIER with or without food.
- Do not stop taking ZEPATIER without first talking with your healthcare provider.
- If you take more than your prescribed dose, call your healthcare provider right away.

### What if I forget to take ZEPATIER?

- Do not take two doses of ZEPATIER at the same time to make up for a missed dose.
- If you are not sure what to do, call your healthcare provider or pharmacist. It is important that you do not miss or skip doses of ZEPATIER during treatment.

### What are the possible side effects of ZEPATIER?

**Signs of liver problems. ZEPATIER may cause increases in your liver-related blood tests.** This could be a sign of serious liver problems. Your healthcare provider will do blood tests to check your liver before and during treatment with ZEPATIER. Tell your healthcare provider right away if you get any of the following symptoms or if they get worse during treatment with ZEPATIER:
- loss of appetite
- nausea and vomiting
- feeling tired or weak
- yellowing of your skin or eyes
- color changes in your stool

**Common side effects of ZEPATIER when used without ribavirin include:**
- feeling tired
- headache
- nausea
- trouble sleeping
- diarrhea

**Common side effects of ZEPATIER when used with ribavirin include:**
- low red blood cell counts (anemia)
- headache
- feeling tired
- shortness of breath
- rash or itching
- feeling irritable
- stomach pain
- depression
- joint pain

**If you have any side effect that bothers you or that does not go away, tell your healthcare provider.**
There may be other side effects to ZEPATIER that are not listed. Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects.
You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.
For more information or medical advice, call your doctor.

### Where should I keep ZEPATIER?

- Keep ZEPATIER in its original packaging (blister package) until you are ready to take it. Do not take the tablets out of the original blister package to store in another container such as a pill box. This is important because the tablets are sensitive to moisture. The package is designed to protect them.
- Keep ZEPATIER at room temperature.
- Keep ZEPATIER and all medicines out of the reach of children.

### General information about ZEPATIER

- Medicines are sometimes prescribed for purposes other than those listed in the Patient Information. Do not use ZEPATIER for a condition for which it was not prescribed. Do not give ZEPATIER to other people, even if they have the same condition. It may harm them.
- If you would like more information, talk with your healthcare provider or pharmacist. You can ask them for information about ZEPATIER that was written for health professionals.
- For more information, call Merck, the company that makes ZEPATIER, at 1-877-888-4231 or go to www.ZEPATIER.com.

### What are the ingredients in ZEPATIER?

The active ingredients are: elbasvir and grazoprevir.
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# Obama lands in Berlin for farewell visit to closest ally Angela Merkel

Obama, who described Merkel ahead of the visit as his "closest international partner", will dine with the chancellor at Berlin's famous Adlon hotel directly next to the landmark Brandenburg Gate.

President Barack Obama descends from Air Force One upon his arrival on Wednesday in Berlin, Germany. GETTY IMAGES

U.S. President Barack Obama arrived in Berlin on Wednesday to meet German Chancellor Angela Merkel, with whom he has forged a close transatlantic alliance during eight years in office that President-elect Donald Trump may now call into question.

The two leaders, who together tackled the global financial crisis, promoted free trade and forged an international accord to fight climate change, stressed their shared values in a joint guest piece for German magazine Wirtschaftswoche.

"There will be no return to a world before globalisation," they wrote, stressing the benefits of a free trade deal being negotiated between the European Union and the United States.

*"There will be no return to a world before globalization."*
Obama and Merkel

Trump, a billionaire businessman with no previous experience of public office, made attacks on international trade deals a cornerstone of his election campaign, saying they have cost U.S. jobs.

His election win heralds a hard break in a relationship that grew extremely close during and immediately after the Cold War.

It wobbled when Berlin refused to go along with U.S. President George W. Bush's Iraq war in 2003 and Germany and France were derided by his Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld as "old Europe."

But the relationship has again flourished in recent years, with Obama and Merkel also leading an international push for economic sanctions on Russia over its role in the Ukraine crisis. Trump by contrast has spoken warmly of Putin.

Last week Merkel, Europe's most powerful leader, offered to work with Trump on the basis of their countries' shared democratic values.

Merkel and Obama will hold bilateral talks on Thursday before they are joined on Friday by the leaders of France, Britain, Spain and Italy.

It is Obama's last trip to Europe as president before he hands over the presidency to Trump in January. REUTERS

## BRIEF

**Ex-Pentagon chief Laird dies, advocated 'Vietnamization' policy**

Melvin Laird, who as defense secretary under President Richard Nixon from 1969 to 1973 helped extricate U.S. forces from the morass of the Vietnam War in a policy he dubbed "Vietnamization," has died at age 94.

Laird, a Republican from Wisconsin who once served in the House of Representatives, also maneuvered to get Nixon to pick Gerald Ford as vice president when Spiro Agnew resigned, was instrumental in creating the all-volunteer U.S. military.

Laird served as defense secretary at a time when the Vietnam War, escalated by Republican Nixon's Democratic predecessor, Lyndon Johnson, was provoking huge domestic protests in the United States, sapping American financial resources and killing tens of thousands of U.S. troops.

Laird coined the term "Vietnamization" in 1969 to describe a policy of enlarging, equipping and training the forces of U.S. ally South Vietnam to fight the forces of Communist North Vietnam. At the same time, the policy continuously reduced the number of U.S. troops in Vietnam. REUTERS

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BRIEF

**Kosovo arrests 19 on suspicion of planning IS attacks**

Police in Kosovo said on Wednesday they had arrested 19 people in the past 10 days on suspicion of having links with Islamic State and planning to carry out attacks in Kosovo and in neighboring Albania.

The police said the suspects were in contact with an Islamic State member, the self-declared "commander of Albanians in Syria and Iraq," Lavdrim Muhaxheri, from whom they received orders to attack.

"They were planning to commit terrorist attacks in Kosovo and also [an attack] against Israeli football team and their fans during the Albania-Israel match," Kosovo police said in a statement in the evening.

Albania moved a World Cup European qualifying match with Israel on Nov. 12 from the northern city of Shkoder to a venue near the capital Tirana because of fears of a possible attack by militants. Four people were arrested on terrorism charges.

The police said the suspects had planned to carry out "synchronized terrorist attacks", but it did not give any details. It said explosives, weapons, ammunition and a drone had been seized.

At least 200 people have been detained or investigated in Kosovo over their alleged links with Islamic state in recent years. A total of 300 Kosovars went to Syria to fight alongside Islamic state troops and more than 50 have been killed there.

International and local security agencies in Kosovo, including NATO mission and the EU police mission, are worried that many of those returning home from combat zones could pose a security threat.

Most of Kosovo's ethnic Albanian majority are nominally Muslim but overwhelmingly secular. REUTERS

Emmanuel Macron, founder and president of the political movement "En Marche!," and former French economy minister GETTY IMAGES

# Macron launches French presidential bid as the polls show tight race

The 38-year-old quit the cabinet of Socialist President Francois Hollande in August to prepare a campaign and will stand as an independent in next year's election.

Former economy minister Emmanuel Macron launched his bid for the French presidency on Wednesday, a move likely to take votes from mainstream candidates in a tight race that promises a strong turnout for far-right leader Marine Le Pen.

Opinion polls show Hollande himself and the left in general face a rout because of a perceived poor record on unemployment, national security and immigration - issues that lifted Le Pen.

Macron, an ex-investment banker who introduced labor reforms for Hollande, has yet to set out his policies in any detail. Although one of France's most popular politicians he has never held elected office and has no party apparatus behind him. Some say his campaign may struggle.

However, Macron is widely seen as likely to take votes from conservative Alain Juppe, the favorite to win the presidency. Juppe is fighting a tightening race for the center-right nomination in a presidential primary election of Les Republicains party and its center-right allies, which starts on Sunday.

At his election bid announcement, Macron said he wanted to move France away from "clan-based politics", adding: "I've witnessed the shallowness of our political system from the inside."

He batted aside criticism from the Left and Right that he was betraying his former boss and now potential rival Hollande and the Socialists.

"I want to unite the French, I'm not reaching out to the Left or the Right, I'm reaching out to the French," Macron said in a prime-time evening news interview.

The best way for France to deal with globalization was closer ties with the rest of Europe, in contrast to the inward-looking policies of some other contenders, Macron said.

Juppe is fighting on a similarly pro-European and centrist platform, positioning himself to the left of his main rival, Nicolas Sarkozy.

Sarkozy, an ex-president, competes with the far-right National Front's appeal to populist voters with sharp criticism of EU policy and a hard line on security and immigration. REUTERS

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Artist's impression of Pluto's surface. UNIVERSAL HISTORY ARCHIVE/UIG VIA GETTY IMAGES

# Underground ocean found on Pluto, likely slushy with ice

Scientists have found evidence that tiny, distant Pluto harbors a hidden ocean beneath the frozen surface of its heart-shaped central plain containing as much water as all of Earth's seas.

The finding, reported on Wednesday in two research papers published in the journal Nature, adds Pluto to a growing list of worlds in the solar system beyond Earth believed to have underground oceans, some of which potentially could be habitats for life.

Pluto's ocean, which is likely slushy with ice, lies 93 to 124 miles beneath the dwarf planet's icy surface and is about 62 miles deep, planetary scientist Francis Nimmo of the University of California, Santa Cruz, said in an interview.

With its ocean covered by so much ice, Pluto is not a prime candidate for life, added Massachusetts Institute of Technology planetary scientist Richard Binzel, another of the researchers. But Binzel added that "one is careful to never say the word 'impossible.'"

Liquid water is considered one of the essential ingredients for life.

The discovery was made through an analysis of images and data collected by NASA's New Horizons spacecraft, which flew past Pluto and its entourage of moons in July 2015.

"It shows that nature is more creative than we are able to imagine, which is why we go and explore," Binzel said. "We see what nature is capable of doing."

Despite being about 40 times farther from the sun than Earth, Pluto has enough radioactive heat left over from its formation 4.6 billion years ago to keep water liquid.

"Pluto has enough rock that there's quite a lot of heat being generated, and an ice shell a few hundred kilometers thick is quite a good insulator," Nimmo said. "So a deep subsurface ocean is not too surprising, especially if the ocean contains ammonia, which acts like an antifreeze."

Scientists made the discovery as they were trying to figure out why a 621-mile-wide impact basin known as Sputnik Planitia, which contains the curious heart-shaped region, was located in its present position near Pluto's equator.

Computer models showed the basin likely filled with ice, which caused Pluto to roll over, cracking its crust. That could happen only if Pluto possessed a subsurface ocean, the analysis found.

New Horizons is on its way to another frozen world in the Kuiper Belt region of the solar system about 1 billion miles past Pluto. A flyby of the object, known as 2014 MU69, is scheduled on Jan. 1, 2019. REUTERS

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# Los Angeles 2024 bid plays down concerns after Trump win

Los Angeles 2024 Olympic-bid leaders sought to allay concerns within the Olympic movement following Donald Trump's presidential-election victory, saying the candidacy would continue to "celebrate our diversity."

Los Angeles, bidding to host the summer games for a third time (it hosted them in 1932 and 1984), was seen as the front-runner in the race with Paris and Budapest until Trump's election.

Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, a Democrat, had warned that victory for Republican Trump would not help the bid given the makeup of the 98 voting members of the International Olympic Committee membership.

Downtown Los Angeles GETTY IMAGES

Trump courted controversy in the run-up to the election with campaign proposals including a call to ban Muslims from entering the United States and building a wall along the U.S.-Mexican border.

"We just finished our presidential election and some of you may question our commitment to our founding principles," L.A. bid official Allyson Felix, a six-time Olympic track and field champion, told a meeting of national Olympic committees in Doha, Qatar.

"I have one message for you. Please do not doubt us. America's diversity is our greatest strength."

The audience included IOC President Thomas Bach as well as international sports federation presidents and IOC members as the three cities made the first of three official presentations ahead of the vote next year.

Felix said Los Angeles needed the games "now more than ever" to help make the United States better.

"We are a nation of people whose [ancestors] came from all over the world for a better life," she said. REUTERS

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A couple of people approach the wall on Tijuana side of the Border Field State Park fence, which separates the cities of San Diego and Tijuana at the US-Mexico border going 300 feet into the Pacific Ocean. GETTY IMAGES

# Mexico boosts support for its migrants in the US after Trump win

Trump's victory over Democrat Hillary Clinton has shaken Mexico, pushing the beleaguered peso to record lows and forcing the government into crisis mode as it seeks to protect bilateral trade.

Mexico's foreign ministry announced fresh steps Wednesday to provide support to Mexican citizens living in the United States following the victory in last week's U.S. presidential election by Donald Trump, who has promised to crack down on immigrants in the country illegally.

The ministry said it was acting to help Mexicans avoid fraud and abuses in the United States. It said it would expand the availability of mobile consulate services to reach more migrants in their communities, establish a 24-hour telephone line for questions about immigration and provide more appointments for migrants to get passports, birth certificates and consular identification cards.

The ministry also said Mexico will "strengthen dialogue" with U.S. state and local authorities to protect its citizens, and added that migrants in the United States should "avoid any conflict situation" and stay out of trouble with the law.

Trump, who takes office Jan. 20, said in an interview with the CBS program "60 Minutes" that aired Sunday that his administration would focus on deporting immigrants with criminal records. Trump said during the campaign he would deport the estimated 11 million immigrants in the United States illegally.

During the campaign, Trump also promised to build a wall along the U.S.-Mexican border with Mexico paying for it, accused Mexico of sending rapists and drug runners into the United States and threatened to rip up the North American Free Trade Agreement between the United States, Canada and Mexico. REUTERS

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## BRIEF

**Oklahoma airport shooting suspect was ex-Southwest worker**
A man accused of fatally shooting a Southwest Airlines worker before turning the gun on himself might have been retaliating after he resigned from the carrier last year, police said.

Lloyd Buie, 45, is accused of killing Michael Winchester, 52, while the victim walked from work to his vehicle in a parking lot at Oklahoma City's Will Rogers World Airport on Tuesday afternoon, police said.

Winchester was the father of professional football player James Winchester, a long snapper for the Kansas City Chiefs.

"It is believed the crime was premeditated and that the suspect armed himself and went to the airport with intention of shooting someone," Oklahoma City Police Captain Paco Balderrama said at a news conference.

Buie, whom authorities found dead inside his truck in an airport parking garage with an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound, resigned from Southwest in April 2015, Balderrama said.

"While detectives do not know whether Winchester was the target, it is possible that the suspect acted in retaliation against the circumstances leading up to his resignation," Balderrama said.

Balderrama did not say which position Buie held with the airline company or why he resigned.

Southwest officials were not immediately available for comment. REUTERS

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# Citigroup CFO says tax rate cut could bring $4B charge

If federal corporate tax rates decline 20 percent under President-elect Donald Trump, Citigroup Inc. may have to take a $4 billion charge to profits to reflect lower values for its deferred tax assets, the bank's chief financial officer said on Wednesday.

However, a charge of that size and nature would not hurt the amount of capital that Citigroup reports to regulators under rules designed to ensure the soundness of banks, CFO John Gerspach said at an investor conference that was webcast.

After the election results last week were viewed by Wall Street as increasing the chances of lower tax rates, the KBW bank stock index climbed 13.6 percent through Tuesday while Citigroup shares rose 11.1 percent.

Citigroup expects its capital markets business in the fourth quarter to be "meaningfully better" than a year earlier, but down seasonally from the third quarter, Jamie Forese, chief executive for the Institutional Clients Group, said at the conference. GETTY IMAGES

Analysts have said that Citigroup has lagged other bank stocks partly because of the chance that tax reform would reduce the value of the company's deferred tax assets.

A corporate tax rate of 28 percent would amount to a 20 percent reduction from current rates, Gerspach said.

Citigroup has $45 billion of deferred tax assets, far more than any other U.S. bank. They are largely left over from the tax treatment of losses during the financial crisis. The bank had used up about $10 billion in the last four years.

Gerspach called the estimated $4 billion charge part of a "rough, top-level assessment" of consequences of possible tax reforms.

If tax reforms were to make a big change in the treatment of liabilities outside of the United States, the bank might have to take a charge of as much as $12 billion and report a $4 billion reduction in regulatory capital, he said.

"There are a lot of moving pieces," Gerspach said. "To the extent these changes were implemented over time, those impacts would likely be lower." REUTERS

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## BRIEF

**USA Today: Twitter suspends accounts of some alt-right figures**

Twitter has suspended several accounts linked to the alt-right movement, a loosely organized group that embraces far-right ideologies including white nationalism, USA Today reported.

The accounts suspended by Twitter, which has been criticized for not stopping abusive behavior on its platform, include that of Richard Spencer, who has said he wants blacks, Asians, Hispanics and Jews removed from the United States, the newspaper reported on Wednesday.

The alt-right movement came to the fore during the presidential campaign, especially after Republican nominee Donald Trump added Steve Bannon to his campaign team.

Bannon, who has since been named Trump's chief White House strategist, formerly headed Breitbart News, a website and voice for the alt-right movement.

"I am alive physically but digitally speaking there has been execution squads across the alt-right," Spencer, who has a verified Twitter account, said in a YouTube video entitled "Knight of the Long Knives" responding to the suspension.

The move by the microblogging service, which did not immediately respond for requests for comment, followed its announcement on Tuesday that it would upgrade some features to better combat cyber-bullying.

USA Today said the Southern Poverty Law Center, a nonprofit organization that tracks what it sees as hate groups and other extremists, had asked Twitter to remove more than 100 accounts of white supremacists who violated Twitter's terms of service.

Others whose accounts have been suspended include Pax Dickinson, founder of alt-right site Wesearchr; an alt-right internet personality who goes by the fake name Ricky Vaughn; and blogger Paul Town, who describes himself as "the leading thoughtleader of alt-right," CNN reported. REUTERS

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## Iggy Azalea claims she has the 'best vagina in the world' after GQ award

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While all of the more important celebrities were recovering from Glamour's Women of the Year Awards in Los Angeles, rapper Iggy Azalea was in Australia accepting an award of her own at GQ Australia's Men of the Year Awards. The men's magazine celebrated in Sydney, Iggy's birthplace, and honored her with its Woman of the Year Award. Kind of like Glamour did for Bono, except… not really.

According to The Daily Telegraph, Iggy was feeling quite proud of her accomplishment. "I have won a lot of awards over the last few years but this one means the absolute most to me because I can finally say I have an award-winning vagina," she shared. "This is amazing to me, I've got the best vagina in the world." So now we know woman = vagina for Iggy.

Her ex-fiancé and NBA baller, Nick Young, who was publicly exposed for cheating on Iggy, would probably disagree. But his opinion ain't worth much.

## Frank Ocean reveals why he didn't submit 'Blonde' for Grammy nomination

Frank Ocean made fans hang on for four years before he released the follow-up to 2012's "Channel Orange." Impatient devotees like us weren't happy about it, but "Blonde" was well worth waiting for.

Ocean's sophomore album has topped the charts and received positive reviews from critics and listeners alike.

So why didn't Frank, who has already won two Grammys, submit the album to be considered for this years awards?

The short answer: He's silently protesting what he calls a "dated" system of awarding, screening and nominating. He told The New York Times that even though the Grammys hold "nostalgic importance" he doesn't see them "representing very well for people who come from where [he] come[s] from," noting the few black artists who have won Grammys in his lifetime. The 29-year-old said, "I'd rather this be my Colin Kaepernick moment for the Grammys than sit there in the audience."

We respect his integrity. But don't make us wait another four years for an album, Frank!

## Ricky Martin got engaged to Jwan Yosef

Ricky Martin is having a pretty good year. The "Livin' la Vida Loca" singer recently announced his headlining Las Vegas residency at the Park Theater at Monte Carlo. According to E! News, the dates for his residency have not been confirmed, but other big names like Bruno Mars and Cher are all scheduled to grace the Park Theater stage after it opens in December.

Things have been going well in Ricky's personal life, as well. The 44-year-old father of two appeared on "The Ellen Show" to talk about his relationship with conceptual artist Jwan Yosef. Martin told Ellen that he is in love and proudly declared that they're engaged! Ricky proposed to Jwan earlier in the year and shared a cute anecdote about not realizing that his fiance said "yes" to his proposal until 30 minutes later! Congrats to the happy couple.

These two studs just took "handsome couple" to the next level.

## The Kardashians top Forbes' 'Top Earning Reality Stars' list

We all know the Kardashians and Jenners are wealthy; it's what makes them *them*. But now we know exactly how much the famous siblings and their momager brought in from June 2015 to June 2016, thanks to Forbes' first Top Earning Reality Stars list. Spoiler alert: The numbers are astounding.

The family made a combined total of $122.5 million during the 12-month period. This doesn't even include earnings from Rob, Caitlyn or Blac Chyna who didn't make the list. Kim, who topped the list at $51 million, earned most of her cash from mobile ventures like her Kimojis and "Kim Kardashian: Hollywood" game. She was followed on the list by baby sister Kylie ($18 mil), Kendall ($17 mil), Khloé ($15 mil), Kris ($11.5 mil), and finally Kourtney ($10 mil).

"Real Housewives of New York" star Bethenny Frankel ($8.5 mil) was the only non-"KUWTK"star on the list.

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# Michael Shannon: Not happy with Trump voters

Michael Shannon plays a detective who helps a wronged man (Jake Gyllenhall) get some Texas justice in Tom Ford's "Nocturnal Animals," in theaters Friday. MERRICK MORTON, FOCUS FEATURES

We're not feeling great about the country right now, and neither is the "Nocturnal Animals" actor.

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Michael Shannon is happy to talk Trump. He's doing interviews for "Nocturnal Animals," by fashion god-turned-filmmaker Tom Ford ("A Single Man"). The prolific character actor (this year of "Elvis & Nixon" and "Midnight Special") plays a Texas detective who comes to the aid of a man (Jake Gyllenhaal) whose wife and daughter were raped and murdered. But Shannon would rather talk about more pressing matters.

**This is a revenge movie. I'm not someone who would ever enact bloody vengeance in real life, but I think movies about that can be therapeutic.**

Oh yeah, there's a catharsis involved, definitely. Oh, I could use some vengeance right now, boy oh boy. We're going to need a lot of vengeance movies in the next four years.

**The election is all I've been thinking about. How are you doing?**

I'm on tenterhooks here. I have two young children. Basically this man is probably going to destroy the earth and civilization as we know it.

**I'm not convinced anything we do to combat this will actually effect change.**

That's the thing: These protests are so moving, but ultimately what are they going to accomplish? I'm so glad these kids on the campuses everywhere are going apes—, but at the end of the day the guy's still going to be president. Maybe you need a civil war or something.

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**I was going to avoid talking about this, but I suppose it's unavoidable.**

No, it's unavoidable. It should be talked about constantly. It should be the only thing anyone talks about.

**The other side won't even listen to us.**

The wall isn't between the U.S. and Mexico; the wall is between people who voted for Trump and people who didn't. And we've got to do something about it. I don't want to live in a country where people voted for Trump. I want to live in some other f—ing country. But I don't want to run away. So we're just going to have to bust things up.

**I'm not even sure how to do that. We have to invent a new way.**

There's a lot of old people who need to realize they've had a nice life, and it's time for them to move on. Because they're the ones who go out and vote for these a—holes. If you look at the young people, if it was up to them Hillary would have been president. No offense to the seniors out there. My mom's a senior citizen. But if you're voting for Trump, it's time for the urn.

**My parents voted for Trump and I'm still not sure how to talk to them about that.**

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# That early self

David Gray kicks off his U.S. solo tour this week in Boston. GETTY IMAGES

David Gray is digging deep into his catalog for his latest tour.

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Multiplatinum English recording artist David Gray has too many hits to count — so he asked Spotify listeners to help narrow the numbers down. The dynamic digital edition of "The Best of David Gray Weekly" (which was formally and permanently released as a double-disc album in October) is rereleased every Monday on Spotify, recalibrating and reorganizing which tracks make the cut based on user plays.

The experience, says Gray from his home in London, is enlightening for an artist with as large a catalog as his (10 LPs make up Gray's legacy, from 1993), and has been helpful for tightening a lengthy set list for his U.S. solo tour, which kicks off this week.

**What's it like revisiting songs from the early '90s of your career? I imagine it's like rereading old books, where everything means something different to you because you've gained perspective.**

It's amazing tasting that early self. I can almost feel the pant of all my emotions back then. They're acute when you're young. It's all in the music and I can still taste it. It does feel like rereading those books you've ever read. You might not notice all the nuances when you're reading it with hungry youthful eyes, versus the wise mellow eyes of a person with difficult experiences.

**Where did the idea to make art for the "Enter Lightly" video come from?**

It was me. I'm not a big fan of making music videos. I had one idea that would have cost a lot of money, but no one wants to spend money anymore. So the second idea was, "Let's make some art and you can film me doing it." I couldn't do a landscape or a torso, so I thought I'd do something in the style of Jackson Pollock.

**Where's that art now?**

It's at the office, I think. It's a very large painting. I did two. We filmed all day, and it was like, "Let's stay a few hours and do another one." I don't know what I think of the art. But I think it's good to have a part of a video feature you with your tongue hanging out because you're concentrating so hard. It's a good look. Madonna, take note.

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# *Treat yourself with the 'Beauty and the Beast' trailer*

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Emma Watson and Dan Stevens headlining "Beauty and the Beast," coming in March, should temporarily cheer you up from this apocalyptic nonsense. DISNEY

I couldn't write about politics today. Heck, I can barely stand looking at my Facebook feed anymore. I made that mistake earlier this week and I'm still reeling from having to unfriend 37 people. Don't misunderstand: It wasn't for their differing opinions, but for straight up hate-mongering. The few bright spots in my week have been entertainment-related. If ever we needed a distraction, it's now.

This week, Disney's live action "Beauty and the Beast" trailer was released. The film stars Emma Watson of "Harry Potter" as Belle, something I find soothing in and of itself. The pure escapism of it all, the sets, the costumes, the makeup on Dan Stevens as the Beast, the adorable dinnerware that speaks — it made me smile for the first time this week.

If your reality has been anything like mine, you're probably eager for some escapism, too. Whatever your politics, you must have been hearing about hate crimes. My friends have been told to go back to their own countries, had hate symbols spray painted on their houses and more. I've gotten so much hate mail that I can barely get through it all. So I watched this and the "Rogue One" trailer over and over. I retreated into books I've read a million times.

Oh, I'm still fighting. But even fighters need a few moments of peace.

In "Beauty and the Beast," Belle's father is taken prisoner by the Beast. Instead of mourning when something bad happens, she takes his place and saves his life. The Beast was punished with his monstrous form after showing no compassion to an old woman. He slowly but surely learns to love and be deserving of love. Oh God, I'd love to believe in fairy tales and happy endings right now.

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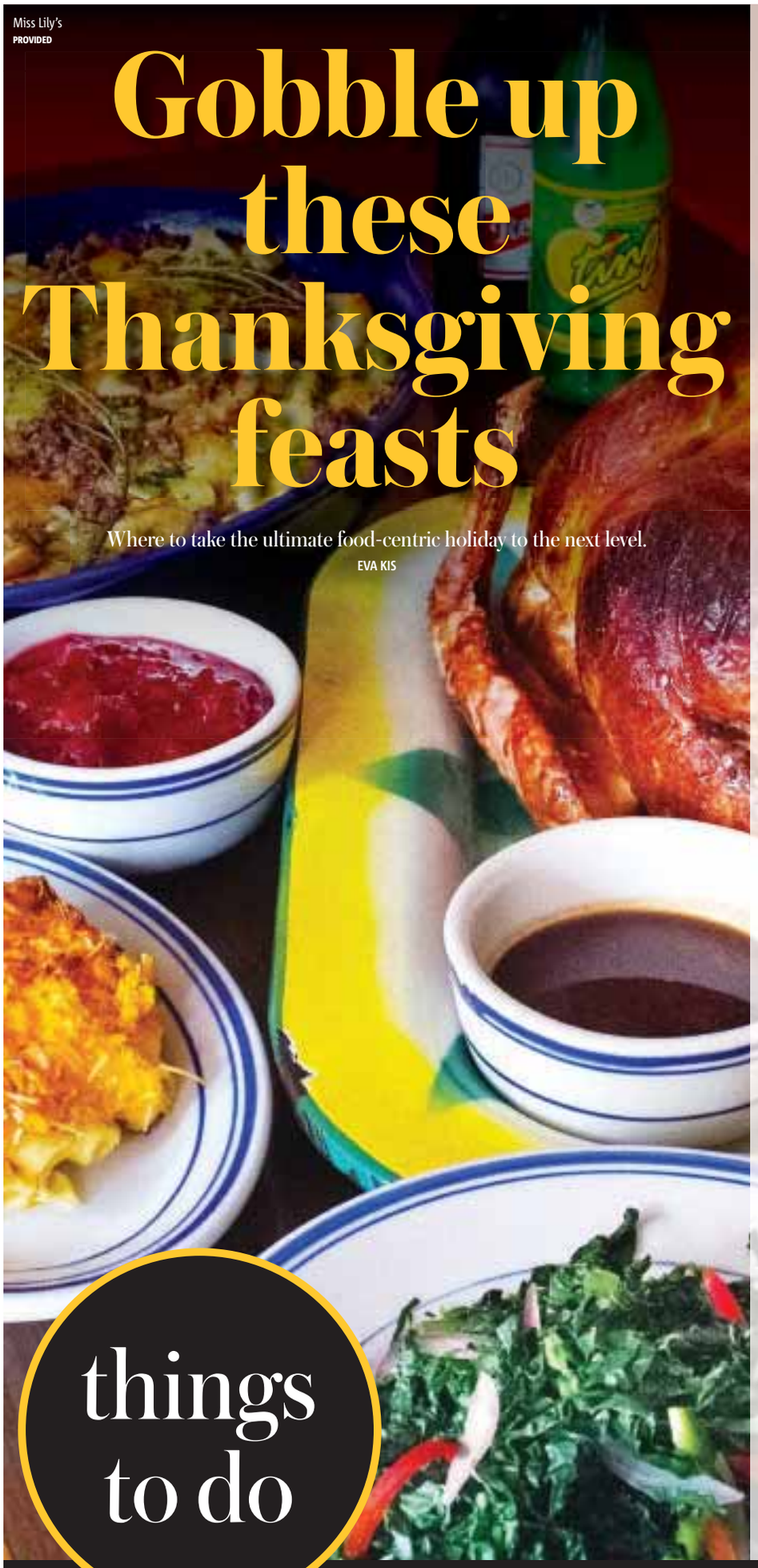

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The Maison Premiere team's immediately acclaimed Greenpoint restaurant is serving its first Thanksgiving dinner. Alain Ducasse alum Lisa Giffen gives the tradition some contemporary American touches with three courses like butternut squash velouté with crab and chestnuts, venison tartare, heritage turkey with sourdough stuffing and, of course, pumpkin pie.
***$65, 1-10 p.m., 905 Lorimer St., Brooklyn; reserve ahead, bar takes walk-ins***

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## Nix

Vegetarians aren't left out of the holiday at chef John Fraser's newly Michelin-starred restaurant. For its first Thanksgiving, Nix is serving baby squash cakes with plum mostarda, a Thanksgiving Pot Pie (truffled cauliflower, carrots, rutabaga, herbed béchamel) and a whole baked maitake mushroom, with pear and apple crostata and maple gelato to finish.
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London's massively popular Asia-by-way-of-Britain chain Wagamama has finally arrived in NYC at 210 Fifth Ave., a spacious modern Japanese space spread across two floors in NoMad. Executive chef Steve Mangleshot brought over a menu of highlights from the U.K. with categories of ramen, donburi (rice bowls), teppanyaki (noodle bowls) and curries. Seating is largely communal at long tables, and there's a full bar with Asian takes on classics like the Mai Tai and Cosmopolitan, which benefits greatly from swapping vodka for shochu.

Though its name is Japanese, the menu draws flavors and techniques from the entirety of Asia, from China to South Korea, adapting them for British tastes. The concept can be a delight in dishes like the pork bao with fried apple, sriracha and just a little mayonnaise ("to act like butter"), which echoes an updated Sunday roast. But the restaurant often goes too far in tempering Asia's bombastic flavors, ending up with dishes that merely hint at their country of origin before fading away on the palate.

For every delicate bite of fried chili squid lashed with a nose-tingling sweet-spicy vinegar, there's teriyaki donburi whose defining characteristic is a vague sweetness (and there's too little of the sauce). Tori kara age (crispy chicken thigh) is both well fried and paired with spiced sesame sauce, but the plasticine cheesecake would be an embarrassment even outside of a city with its own style of the dessert. Expertly sliced and cooked steak bulgogi is lost in a sea of underseasoned soba, which to my nose gave off an unpleasant funk. Unfortunate, as it's the chain's signature noodle imported from London (though a local supplier is being sought), though its udon and rice noodles don't suffer from the same affliction.

That said, the chain didn't get to 130 locations by serving misses. Their ramen (eight kinds) trends away from the fatty tonkotsu style toward the cleaner flavors of Vietnamese pho, resulting in bowls that are warming and refreshing. The star of our tasting was the itame, a soup-y take on Thai green curry with a coconut-lemongrass broth and wide rice noodles, packed full of raw red onions, stir-fried bean sprouts (which should be their standard preparation) and a whole handful of cilantro. Bright and completely satisfying, it's going to be the perfect winter lunch.

Wagamama NYC remains a work in progress even after its official opening this week. Everyone on the team, from Mangleshot down to our waitress, seemed eager for feedback, which means they may still put their foot more firmly on the flavor gas yet. There are also eventual plans for New York-only dishes, so there's every chance of tweaks being made for Wagamama's new audience.

For now, the appetizers and curries are all solid choices, and the whole restaurant is stunning. There's no bad seat in the house, whether you want to watch the team work in the open kitchen or spy on the bar crowd from the counter seats on the second floor.


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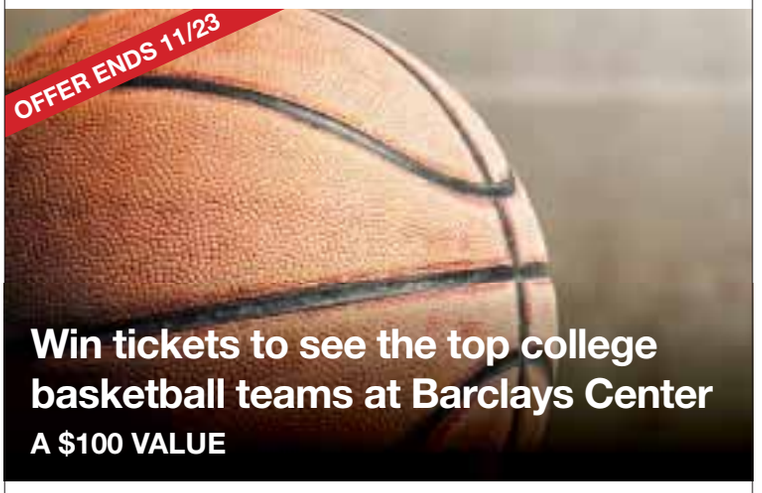


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## Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade Balloon Inflation

Thanksgiving doesn't happen without the Macy's parade, that's just a fact. But did you know the tradition actually starts Wednesday night on the lawn of the American Museum of Natural History? Gather to watch the famous balloons take flight beginning at 3 p.m., though the balloons won't begin to take shape until about 5 p.m. You'll want to arrive before work lets out if you're hoping to beat the crowds.
**Free, Nov. 23, 3-10 p.m., Central Park West and 79th St., Free, macys.com**

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## Lust: An Alternative Thanksgiving

Definitely don't bring your parents to this celebration of abundant desire at Lot 45. The night begins with a feast served on human bodies (eaten entirely with your hand or... however you dare) then moves into a night of erotic art installations and performances that goes on until 3 a.m., including cuddle puddles, fetish zones, live music, a fire initiation ritual and more. Dress your bacchanal best. **$75-$125, Nov. 17, 7 p.m., 411 Troutman St., Brooklyn**

FUN

## The Powerpuff Girls Powfactor Pop-Up Shop

The Cartoon Network heroines are stepping off the screen and into real life for an em-Power-ing experience. At their first-ever pop-up shop, visitors can Powerpuff themselves, then buy swag featuring your Powerpuffed alter ego. And just as the Girls are made of sugar and spice and everything nice, plus a little extra, you can get a Powfactor patch symbolizing your special ingredient.
**Free, Nov. 18-20, 168 Bowery, Fri-Sat 11 a.m.-8 p.m., Sunday 11 a.m.-6 p.m.**

FASHION

## Blue Jeans Go Green

You would think it's impossible to appreciate jeans more, but Cotton Incorporated has managed it with a pop-up gallery that traces it from seed to style through installations and custom works by local artists. Explore denim's history (it may not be red carpet style now, but it had its moment in Hollywood) then learn about socially responsible ways to treat it after you've loved it to death. Visitors are encouraged to bring old denim to be recycled.
**Free, Nov. 18-19, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. 170 Mercer St.**

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## Cranksgiving Ride

Earn a guilt-free Thanksgiving thanks to calories burned during the Cranksgiving Ride. It's a bike race that doubles as a food drive — and a scavenger hunt. Register for free at Hudson Yards and get a list of the items you have to hunt. You'll need about $20 to buy a few of them from local stores, plus a lock to leave your bike outside while you shop and scout. All proceeds go to Bowery Mission, and there's an after-party at Soho Patagonia from 4 to 7 p.m.
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FOOD

## Oyster Festival

Before we all retreat into hibernation, have one last hurrah for summer at Docks Oyster Bar's bi-annual bivalve festival this Saturday. The unlimited oysters are raw, fried, baked broiled and served in fritters, po' boy sandwiches and chowders, so however you like it, they've got it, plus live music and beers, cider, wines and vodka.
**$75-$80, Nov. 19, 12:30-3:30 p.m., 633 Third Ave., eventbrite.com**

SEASONAL

## Holiday Train Show

The Holiday Train Show returns to the New York Botanical Garden for its 25th anniversary, with model trains winding through mini recreations of 150 iconic landmarks. But the best part is arguably the dedicated Bar Car Nights, where adults are invited to browse the exhibit after hours and drink signature cocktails while enjoying live performances from musicians and local street artists. Regular access is included with NYBG admission ($20), while Bar Car Nights are $35.
**Nov. 19-Jan. 14, 2017, 2900 Southern Blvd., Bronx, nybg.org**

PARTY

## Emo Night Brooklyn

If you went to high school around Y2K, it's likely you and your black-clad clique shared many an emo night. The angst may be behind you, but you can relive the likes of Taking Back Sunday, Fall Out Boy and Dashboard Confessional with Emo Night Brooklyn at the Bell House. This traveling party started in Williamsburg and returns for a night of guilt-free dancing, singing, shouting and, well, emoting. Black attire optional.
**$10-$12, Nov. 19, 10 p.m., 149 Seventh St., Brooklyn, thebellhouseny.com**

DRINKS

## Whiskey Feast

Taste more than 40 whiskeys at this nationally touring open bar party coming to Brooklyn this Saturday. In addition to tastings and cocktails, there will be over 20 dishes from local restaurants, ranging from pumpkin spice cannoli to ramen burgers available for purchase. There's also an array of games like corn hole and giant jenga, plus a brass band and a DJ. There are two sessions (2-4:30 or 7-9:30 p.m.) with early access for VIPs.
**$69-$125, Nov. 19, Brooklyn Expo Center, 72 Noble St., whiskey-feast.com**

FOOD

## Brooklyn Chili Takedown

Is there a better deal than sampling 27 chilis for only $20? Get to the Royal Palms Shuffleboard Club this Sunday for a two-hour feast of the perfect cold winter night food, vote for your favorite to help them win some great equipment to make their next batch even better, then stick around for some indoor gaming if this weather decides it's sticking around.
**Nov. 20, noon-2 p.m., 514 Union St., Brooklyn, brownpapertickets.com**

ARTS

## 'Nutcracker Rouge'

Scandalize your own childhood with this sexy retelling of a holiday classic. "Nutcracker Rouge" has become an annual tradition of Company XIV, known for its inventive burlesque-baroque style and dark reimagining of classic fairy tales. The performance blends ballet, opera, acrobatics, theater, music and fashion. The atmosphere extends into the audience with a nightclub vibe, drinks and immersive elements. You'll never think of the Sugarplum Fairy the same way again.
**$35-$200, Nov. 21-Jan. 7, 2017, Irondale Center, 85 S. Oxford St., Brooklyn, companyxiv.com**

COOKING

## 'Alton Brown Live: Eat Your Science'

Leaping from the small screen to a Broadway stage, the world's most diabolical celebrity chef Alton Brown returns to NYC starting next week. "Eat Your Science" blends Brown's signature quirky humor and food science sensibility with comedy, puppetry, singing and live experiments into a family-friendly show (and yes, there's audience participation).
**$49-$157, Nov. 22-27, Barrymore Theatre, 243 W. 47th St., altonbrowntour.com**

BOOKS

## Meet Carrie Fisher

Everyone's favorite rebellion leader Carrie Fisher has unearthed her journals from the filming of the "Star Wars" films and is sharing what it was like to kiss Harrison Ford and other less important things in "The Princess Diarist." She'll be signing copies at The Strand, where you can get a wristband beginning at 5:30 p.m. Fisher will be signing only copies of the book purchased at the Strand from 7-9 p.m.
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# A social history of New York City

"New York at Its Core" focuses on the people, both famous and forgotten, who built this city — then asks visitors to envision its future. ALL PHOTOS EVA KIS

The Museum of the City of New York is unveiling its first permanent exhibit, a social history of the city.

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New York City seems almost like a modern myth, an urban landscape of ever-growing skyscrapers populated by larger-than-life characters real and fictional, the "greatest city in the world" and the ultimate symbol of success for both Frank Sinatra and Jay Z.

It's past time to bring the city back to reality, which is what the Museum of the City of New York has done with its first permanent exhibit, "New York at Its Core," opening Nov. 18.

"New York's history shows us that it wasn't a foregone conclusion that this tiny outpost was destined to be one of world history's most significant places," says Sarah Henry, chief curator of the museum. "But it did turn out this way, thanks to the vision and the struggles of generations of people."

The resulting exhibit is less a historical record and more of a social one that begins with the Lenape tribe who opened trade with Dutch colonists in the early 1600s to the unprecedented challenge of Hurricane Sandy in 2012, and invites guests to plan what comes next. Through three galleries housing 450 objects, digital maps, iPad-like kiosks where you can swipe to meet famous and forgotten characters in the city's history, watch videos and play video games, "New York at Its Core" traces 400 years of history without flinching at its uglier parts.

Future City Lab

## A unique start

You might be tempted to skim or even skip the first gallery, which covers the history of the city from the time when it was settled by the Lenape tribe until 1898, when the five boroughs voted to unite into Greater New York. But you'd miss gems like early prototypes of the Statue of Liberty, an eye-level view of John Trumbull's famous portrait of Alexander Hamilton, and finding out how alike the city was at its founding as New Amsterdam and now.

"The city was founded by the Dutch as a moneymaking center, not a religious refuge like Boston and Philadelphia," co-curator Steven H. Jaffe points out. Unfortunately for their new territory, the Dutch already had the most prosperous economy in Europe, so getting people to take a perilous voyage wasn't an easy sell. So they welcomed everyone. "It's always been the place to go and try to reinvent yourself and make a better life."

## Not always pretty

"We expected that certain ideas or myths about New York would be shattered in this exhibit," says co-curator Hilary Ballon. The crime-ridden period of the 1970s saw the rise of Studio 54 and community art projects; and it was during the city's gilded age in the 1980s that homelessness and the AIDS crisis both grew unchecked.

In the Future City Lab, visitors are confronted with stats like poverty rates, and see photos of daily life in the working-class neighborhoods beyond Manhattan that tourists rarely see. "It's really a way to humanize some of the challenges," says Future City Labs director Kubi Ackerman.

## Shape the future

Every New Yorker has ideas about how to make the city better. In the exhibit's Future City Lab, you can test your theories by virtually creating a park, designing a street or building a new residential complex. As you drag and drop plants, pedestrian bridges and microapartments into real neighborhoods around the city, people will walk through your landscape and either praise or criticize it. You'll also be measured on how viable your ideas are. "If you're interested in these big questions [of development], it shows that there are trade-offs," says Ackerman. "These concepts aren't just abstract."

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# Your 48-hour guide to relaxation

We went to Aruba for the weekend to find out if it's possible to get relaxed, restored and culturally satisfied in just two days.

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The Aruba Marriott Resort is nestled in a strip of high-rise hotels in Palm Beach. Think: endless soft, pillowy sand. RACHEL RACZKA

This isn't an easy stretch of the year to take time off — holidays have many of us working overtime to prep for the days we'll be spending out of the office. Of course, this is also when we feel in desperate need of a vacation, what with the election results, cabin fever of Daylight Saving Time's end and this season of obligations. So we asked: Can you refresh with a getaway that lasts only 48 hours?

To find out, we went to Aruba with JetBlue for a two-night stay at the Aruba Marriott Resort and Stellaris Casino in Palm Beach. This means a four-hours-and-change flight from Boston for an epically burned out editor with less than two full days of soaking up the sun, sand and beachside cocktails. Doesn't sound relaxing enough? Believe it or not, it was. Here's how we found Zen in a weekend.

## Upgrade your flight

It's pricey, but upgrading your ticket kickstarts your vacation the minute you board the plane. And when you have only two days, you might as well make the most of it. We flew JetBlue Mint, a premium domestic service that kicked off a Boston-to-Aruba service this month. Fares start at $599 each way with seats that recline fully to become 80-inch beds, Hollywood-inspired toiletry kits from Hayward & Hopper and a menu of small plates straight from New York's chic comfort-food restaurant Saxon + Parole and takeaway desserts by Tom Colicchio favorite Mah-Ze-Dahr Bakery.

Call it over-the-top or an indulgence, but there's something to be said when you leave a long flight feeling even more refreshed than when you boarded.

## Ask the locals

Once on the ground, we turned to food editorial duo The Curious Pear for our game plan. Writer Meg Abbott and photographer Issy Croker travel the world capturing beautiful places, people and culinary delights on tight deadlines (and budgets) to create stories that truly take you away. So how do we get a satisfying taste of a place in 48 hours or less?

"We usually start by asking our taxi driver, Airbnb host or a shop owner where their favorite place to eat is — more often than not, that always leads to somewhere unique and delicious," says Abbott.

So we asked our taxi driver, who recommended our first stop: Madame Janette, a lively, fairy-light-lit al fresco restaurant in Noord that blends Caribbean and Dutch cuisines. Plate-size pork schnitzels and the restaurant's signature almond-crusted grouper — an enormous flaky fish coated in tender almond slices with a spinach cream sauce — are served alongside frosty coupes of Frosé. The next night, wanting to eat like locals, we wandered to Juanchi's, an outdoor burger stand in Palm Beach with crispy onion cheeseburgers, plump, saucy chicken wings, sweet *papelón con limón* and great nighttime people watching.

Our driver also took us along the scenic route (don't worry: Most cabs are flat-rate, agreed upon entry) to drive by the aloe fields of Aruba Aloe in Hato. While we didn't have a chance to take the tour (they're free and offered every 15 minutes), we did purchase bottles at the Palm Beach boutique to cool sunburns and as gifts.

A cocktail in the sun RACHEL RACZKA

## Don't adjust your sleep schedule

The obvious advice is to not sleep your vacation away — with only 48 hours, you should enjoy all of them. The plush embrace of a resort makes sleeping in or conking out on the beach easy temptations, but oversleeping can actually cause your body distress by confusing your circadian rhythms. We decided to keep to our regular weekday schedule, hitting the hay around midnight, and waking just before 8 a.m.

The result? We felt refreshed and energized for the duration of our two-day trip. Not sleeping in gave us a chance to hit the hotel's extravagant La Vista breakfast buffet before the crowds, and first dibs on the complimentary cabanas that we camped out under through sunset with fish tacos and fruity rum cocktails.

Just like in regular life, the days seem endless when you wake ready to embrace the world, and it seems pretty foolish that anyone would ever go on vacation to sleep.

Once we landed back in Boston — which had just suffered its first hail of the season — there was a sigh of relief. While there's always going to be the desperate melancholy of a vacation ended, there's a sense of fulfillment and satisfaction from efficiently spent time that the neurotic and work-obsessed thrive on. And honestly, for some of us, that's pretty relaxing.

Asparagus and artichoke risotto, pumpkin soup with chicken confit and ahi tuna over quinoa in JetBlue's Mint class.

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# Thanksgoing

Skip the usual Thanksgiving and use the extra days for a quick trip abroad.

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Nuremberg Christmas Market in Munich GETTY IMAGES

## Munich

By the last weekend in November, nearly all of the European Christmas markets are in full swing, but no country goes all out quite like Germany does.

## Brussels

In late November, this relatively small city looks like a wintry fairytale town. Follow the crowds to the centrally located Winter Wonderland, complete with about 240 holiday "chalets" selling handicrafts, ornaments, and toothsome treats; a skating rink, large Ferris wheel and all kinds of entertainment round out the fun.

## Madrid

Summers can be furnace-like in Madrid, but Spain's capital has relatively mild winter weather, which makes for comfortable weather to explore El Rastro, the city's 400-year-old flea market, or stroll the grand square at the heart of the old city, Plaza Mayor. Treat yourself to a meal at the world's oldest continuously running restaurant, Casa Botín, opened in 1725.

## Florence

This is a great time to visit Tuscany's capital because many of the attractions and museums you want to see are inside anyway — Michelangelo's David at the Galleria dell'Accademia, the Uffizi Gallery and the Palazzo Pitti, to name a few — and there'll be fewer fellow tourists.

## Lisbon

This isn't the time of year to visit for Portugal's beach scene, but Lisbon enjoys the warmest weather of any other major European city in November. Pack a good pair of walking shoes to explore the hilly cobblestone streets of the city's Alfama district, and grand plazas in the Baixa district.

## Reykjavik

In November, the daytime temperatures in Iceland's capital aren't likely to reach 40 degrees. There's plenty to do — inside and outdoors — like a hot soak in a geothermal pool. At night, stay warm the way the locals do: at any of the numerous bars and nightclubs, where the action doesn't start heating up until midnight.

## San Miguel de Allende

Artists began flocking to this beautiful Mexican colonial city in the late 1930s, and it continues to draw expats and tourists charmed by the Mexican Baroque, Neoclassical and Neo-Gothic architecture, fine restaurants and galleries, classy boutique hotels and B&Bs.

## Tulum

November marks the beginning of the dry season in Mexico, all the better for exploring Tulum's Mayan ruins, pristine beaches and world-famous cenotes or sinkholes.

## Vancouver

Strap on a pair of skis at Grouse Mountain, with its breathtaking views of the city below, or a take a brisk walk along the shores of Stanley Park.

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# A look at the top landing spots for Romo

Might the Jets be interested?

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Tony Romo's career in Dallas looks like it's over as he gave an emotional press conference on Tuesday afternoon, declaring that Dak Prescott earned the right to be the Cowboys' starting QB. A look at the most likely places Romo gets traded to this offseason.

## Cleveland Browns

The Browns will likely have the No. 1 pick in the 2017 NFL Draft. Will they elect to try and do the full rebuild yet again with a young QB and take a Deshaun Watson or DeShone Kizer, or would they finally bring in a legitimate veteran signal-caller to lead their franchise?

The Browns would be wise to go with Plan B and roll the dice with the injury-plagued Romo. This is a young team with a chest-full of draft picks. The last thing it needs to get is younger. Bringing in a healthy, wealthy and wise 36-year-old QB would give the franchise the boost it's been looking for for decades.
**Odds: 6-1**

## San Francisco 49ers

It's silly when you come right down to it, but there's no way Dallas would do major business with the 49ers given all their history. The Cowboys will want to get Romo out of the NFC at all costs.
**Odds: 25-1**

## Chicago Bears

Look for the Bears to try and make a trade for a sought-after QB this offseason. Just don't expect it to be Romo. Chicago should push hard after native-son Jimmy Garoppolo.
**Odds: 11-1**

There's a chance Tony Romo winds up in New York. GETTY IMAGES

## New York Jets

Because that Brett Favre experience worked out so well, right? Seriously, if the Jets can get past that it might actually be a decent fit. They've got Brandon Marshall and a stout defense. Hmm.
**Odds: 9-1**

## Arizona Cardinals

Ahh … Arizona. Where all Cowboys legends are put out to pasture. The Carson Palmer era is likely over in the desert. Maybe the Cards call Jerry and company.
**Odds: 12-1**

## Buffalo Bills

Rex Ryan will likely be fired if the Bills don't make the playoffs, and if Ryan leaves, the Tyrod Taylor era is probably over in Western New York too.
**Odds: 18-1**

## Houston Texans

Bring in the biggest name QB available each and every offseason. Sounds like a plan!
**Odds: 30-1**

## Denver Broncos

John Elway might be onto something here. He brought in 36-year-old Peyton Manning when everyone said he was done. Manning went on to rewrite the individual QB record books and then win a Super Bowl in his final season. Thirty-six-year-old Tony Romo is now available.
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# Nets not exactly a pushover in early going

Brooklyn has surprised thus far in the NBA season.

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The Brooklyn Nets may have lost two straight during their mini west coast trip, but if there ever was a thing as "good losses," those two qualify.

Any team that loses at Staples Center on consecutive nights won't be as uncommon a sight as many would've thought entering this season, especially with the Los Angeles Lakers (7-5) a big surprise so far, and the co-tenant Clippers (10-1) currently sitting with the league's best mark.

But the way the Nets (4-7) battled in both games suggests that Kenny Atkinson's crew may not be as awful as many have thought. The Nets' 1,000-1 Las Vegas preseason odds of winning a title might've given birth to many jokes and guffaws, but if recent play is indicative of things to come this season, this Brooklyn outfit may actually have some last laughs of its own.

No, the Nets won't win the title this season — or any season in the near future — and they'll most likely miss the playoffs again this year, but they're definitely ascending and will have to be taken more seriously. Both Los Angeles squads found out early that any team coached by Atkinson will always play hard and fast, and won't give in without a fight. The new Brooklyn head coach has always been one of the league's better assistant coaches due to his relations with players and ability to have his ear to the ground in knowing what makes guys tick. He's taken a team with limited talent and limited horizons and is making them respectable. It's even more unfathomable that Brooklyn can stay in games late knowing they only have one legit All-Star level piece, center Brook Lopez.

But here are the Nets, sitting 3.5 games out of first place, just a half-game behind the New York Knicks (4-6), with a respectable pace percentage (amount of scoring per 100 possessions), six guys scoring in double figures, and a backup point guard who is solidly holding down the fort until Jeremy Lin (hamstring) returns in at least another week.

Lopez, who netted 30 points on Tuesday night against the Lakers, has gotten help from unlikely sources. Undrafted rookie point guard Yogi Ferrell has been steady in relief, while others like Rondae Hollis-Jefferson, Bojan Bogdanovic, Trevor Booker, Randy Foye, Justin Hamilton, and Sean Kilpatrick have each had moments where they were adequate sidekicks. It's that kind of unsung depth that's kept the Nets in nearly every game. Brooklyn has the second-best scoring bench in the league with over 46 points per game, behind only the Lakers (51). And the offense has picked up lately, scoring over 106 points per game since Kilpatrick moved into the starting lineup. They've even recently beaten a playoff team from last season in the Detroit Pistons — the same squad that disposed of the Knicks earlier — and knocked off the uprising Minnesota Timberwolves, who throttled the Lakers just a couple days ago.

Atkinson's urging to push the ball hasn't even deterred the plodding Lopez, as the conventional big man has even been freed to test his boundaries. Lopez went 4 of 11 in 3s against the Lakers, tying a career high in makes from behind the stripe.

Yogi Ferrell and the Nets are 4-7 so far this season. GETTY IMAGES

## Nets notes

- The Nets are now 3-1 when Lopez goes over 25 points in a game.
- Lopez passed George Johnson on the Nets' all-time shot-blocking leaderboard when he swatted three against the Lakers.
- A by-product of the Nets rising could also affect the Boston Celtics, as they hold Brooklyn's first-round pick from an earlier pick swap. Should the Nets continue to ascend, it would devalue that pick and strongly make Boston team president Danny Ainge consider dealing it.

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Photographer Manish Gosalia of JetsInsider.com snapped a photo of an unknown fan who had duct-taped the names of the team's starting quarterbacks since his birth, this on the day that second-year quarterback Bryce Petty was given the start over Ryan Fitzpatrick.

The best part of Gosalia's photo is that the list of names continues on and names such as Brett Favre, Mark Sanchez, Geno Smith and Fitzpatrick can't even be seen. Presumably, this fan's jersey had to be an XXL to get all these "legendary" quarterbacks on there.

The list begins with Neil O'Donnell, who had his first start with the Jets in 1996.

"I've been a Jets fan for over 30 years; it is amazing to see so many quarterback names who never took us far … today another QB gets his first start," Gosalia said when asked his thoughts upon seeing the fan.

For the record, Petty became the 48th quarterback and 52nd player in franchise history to throw a touchdown pass.

A Jets fan makes light of New York's ugly QB history this past Sunday at MetLife Stadium. COURTESY PHOTO

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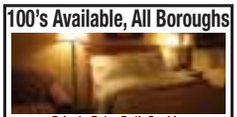

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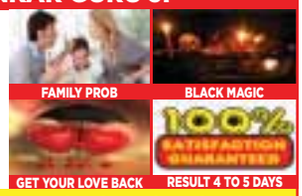


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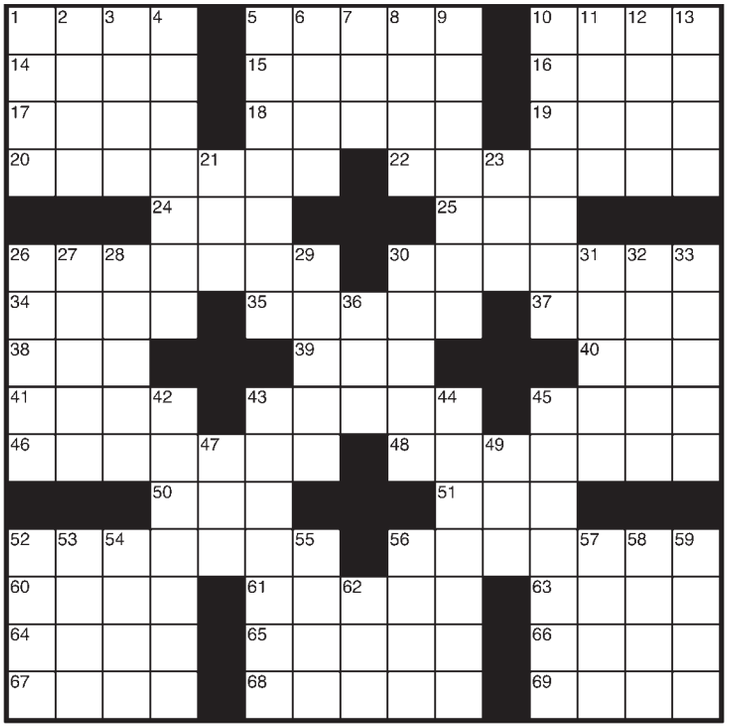

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**Aries** Keep an open mind, but don't give in to emotional pressure someone is putting on you. Keep your personal plans a secret until they are ready for the world.

**Taurus** Plan a gathering with the people whom you love and enjoy. Sharing ideas, vacation plans or fun activities to do will give you something to look forward to.

**Gemini** A relationship will falter if you let someone tamper with your emotions. You need to lay your cards on the table and find out where you stand.

**Cancer** Do something out of the ordinary. Taking part in a community event that will promote new opportunities will lead to a new pastime.

**Leo** You can make strategic financial moves if you make changes to your investment portfolio or take a greater interest in upgrading your qualifications.

**Virgo** It's a good day to fix up your residence or make romantic plans. A subtle alteration to your appearance will give you the confidence you need to pursue your goals.

**Libra** Strive to feel at peace. Don't listen to anyone trying to pressure you into something that isn't right for you. Make alterations that will improve your living.

**Scorpio** Present what you have to offer. Take action and do what comes naturally. Your intense desire to excel will be difficult for anyone competing with you to match.

**Sagittarius** Be realistic when dealing with personal finances or health issues. If you listen to the information being given to you, you'll discover a way to satisfy your needs.

**Capricorn** Share your feelings with someone you love or respect. It's important to have a confidante to run your ideas by before you put them into play.

**Aquarius** It's a good day to engage in creative endeavors and things that bring you satisfaction. Don't dispute something you know little about. Do your research.

**Pisces** Family should be your top priority. If you want to improve your surroundings or add to your comfort and convenience, start the ball rolling. EUGENIA LAST

## Yesterday's answers

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